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## **BEAUMONT MAN INDICTED ON FEDERAL DRUG AND GUN CHARGES**

(Beaumont, TX) A federal grand jury has indicted an 18-year-old Beaumont man on federal gun and drug charges in the Eastern District of Texas. **RAFAEL R. COMPEAN** was charged with possession with intent to distribute powder cocaine and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking charge on the grounds of Central High School in Beaumont, Texas.

According to information presented in court, on May 24, 2006, officers with the Beaumont Police Department made contact with Compean after the officers observed a handgun exposed underneath a T-shirt. A search of Compean revealed packages of cocaine and a semi-automatic, 9mm caliber gun.

If convicted, Compean faces up to 20 years in federal prison and a fine of up to \$1 million. It is important to note that an indictment is merely a charge and should not be considered as evidence of either guilt or innocence.

The case was investigated by the Beaumont Police Department and the

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Assistant U.S.  
Attorney David Henderson is prosecuting the case.

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